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5. [] Met with Chairman George Miller (D., Calif.), House Science and Astronautics Committee, who told me that the press of business will be such between now and the close of the session that he is going to withhold scheduling of an Agency briefing until after January 10. Chairman Miller noted in passing that he is looking forward with great anticipation to visiting the South Pole during the Christmas holidays.

I briefed the Chairman on a Soviet space failure.

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6. [] Talked to Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who advised that the figures he gave me last week on Soviet and Chinese aid to North Vietnam should have read

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[] respectively. These figures ostensibly were given to the House Appropriations Committee by the Agency earlier in the year. I advised Mr. Blandford that both the original figures he gave me last week and the revised figures are incorrect but that I would recheck the matter and be back in touch with him.

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7. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Devlin, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who advised that in hearings last Friday on H.R. 15024 (a bill to provide a 5 per cent increase in annuities based on involuntary separation from Civil Service between 1 November 1969 and 2 January 1970) the Committee Chairman and Minority Leader indicated almost unalterable opposition to the bill.

I met later with the Bill Clerk of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee, Donna Yee, who advised that the Committee reported H.R. 9233 yesterday to include an amendment providing for 5 per cent increase in annuities payable for involuntary separation having a commencing date after 1 November 1969 and before 2 January 1970. (Apparently no hearing was held on this annuity increase before reporting the bill to the Senate.)

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6. [] Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called and said that Messrs. James Lowenstein and Richard Moose, of the Committee staff, would be travelling to Saigon on Committee business, arriving on 7 December and leaving on 18 December. Mr. Marcy asked that the Director send a cable to the field advising the Agency people to cooperate with Lowenstein and Moose as they did with Messrs. Pincus and Paul.

Later in the day, Mr. Lowenstein called to advise that he and Mr. Moose would be staying at the Caravelle Hotel in Saigon. He said that they would be interested in seeing our people separately from the country team. Lowenstein said that their primary interest would center on the status of the pacification program, the prospects for Vietnamization, and the general political and military situations in both Saigon and the field. He said they expected to travel extensively outside of Saigon.

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7. [] Met with Mr. John Martiny, Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and received from him a copy of H. R. 15024 which was introduced by Mr. Daniels and Mr. Dulski last night. This bill will provide a 5 per cent increase in certain annuities for involuntary separation having a commencing date after November 1, 1969, but before January 2, 1970. This is an Administration bill introduced at the request of the Department of Defense. Mr. Martiny advised that hearings probably will be scheduled for next week.

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8. [] Met with Messrs. John Blandford and Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, and thanked them for the Committee's action in the expeditious passage of H. R. 14571.

Mr. Blandford noted that information has been provided the Chairman concerning the dollar cost of Soviet and Chinese support to North Vietnam and requested verification of the amounts together with certain other information. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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9. [] Met with Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, who advised that as yet no changes have been made in staff assignment of the Committee. Mr. Michaels also advised that he will be staying with the Committee through the month of December.

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